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educational institutions that certain steps have to be taken with regard to instruction in Hindi based on the recommendations of the Alagappa Chettiar Committee's Report?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Instruction in Hindi has nothing to do with the Alagappa Chettiar Committee's Report. It is an independent matter on which we have to take a decision, and even with regard to that, we have not yet taken a final decision.

Payment of salaries to Government and Local Boards' employees

* 3051 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state, whether the recent order issued by the Government in regard to the payment of salaries to employees of Government and Local Boards before the celebration of Onam in Malabar applies also to the aided elementary school teachers in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know why this discrimination is made against aided elementary school teachers, while those whose salaries are paid directly by the Government are paid before the Onam celebration?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No discrimination has been made. Aided elementary school teachers are not Government servants, while the others are Government servants. Only the mode of payment to Government servants has been altered.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Is it not a fact that the Government give grants and that the aided elementary school teachers are paid on the basis of the grants?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do agree. But whatever is applicable to Government servants cannot be made applicable to aided elementary school teachers who are not governed by the Government Servants' Conduct Rules. If we take a decision that aided elementary schools also should be taken over by the Government, then the teachers employed therein will become Government servants. But there is bound to be some difference till we take such a decision.

Geological survey

* 3052 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Government propose to start a State-wide geological survey; and

(*b*) whether any special administrative machinery has been set up for the purpose?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) There is no such proposal, Sir. But the question of appointing a nucleus staff of Geologists by this Government to conduct preliminary surveys and collect relevant data in special cases is being examined.

* 3053 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the State Government are in possession of the records concerning the geological surveys held in Pudukkottai division before merger;

(b) if so, the deposits that are reported to be available in this area; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to tap any of them in the near future?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Deposits of black magnetic ore, magnetite, hæmatite or specular iron ore, red and yellow ochre, limestone, yellow and blue earth are reported to be available in this area.

(c) No application for Prospecting Licence or Mining Lease in this area has so far been received.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Sir, are the Government taking any steps to press these raw materials into industries?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Other areas also are being surveyed, and when the full survey report is available, the Government will examine how they can use the minerals that are available.

Education of Harijan students

* 3054 Q.—SRI E. T. KUNHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have agreed to meet all expenses in connection with the education of all Harijan students in the State; and

(b) if so, how the State Government propose to utilize the allocations made in the budget for the year 1955–56 for expenditure on the education of Harijans?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (a) No, Sir. The Government of India have promised to grant scholarships to all students belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes reading in post-matriculation classes, if they satisfy the rules and regulations governing the grant of Central Government scholarships.

(b) The question will be examined soon after the scholarships are sanctioned by the Government of India and the anticipated savings in the funds provided by this State for the scholarships are known.